

# CAPITOL NEWS

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*Aloha Friends and Neighbors,*

*Thank you very much for the privilege to serve you as your State Representative. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to represent you at the State Capitol and look forward to continue working with you to better our community and state.*

*The primary concerns during this legislative session was the economic growth, education system, assisting new industry, improving telecommunications and transportation infrastructure, reinvesting in our safety net, and job creation. The legislature achieved a balanced budget this year through a combination of budget cuts, reinforcing the safety net where needed, and reinstituting core services. While Not having to raise taxes, especially the general excise tax (GET) which would have seriously impacted every resident and business in the state.*

*As we are all living through these exciting times and continue to do our best with what we have, I believe that some of the measures adopted in this legislative session and shared within this newsletter, will help improve our economy and create a solid foundation for fiscal growth. We have also made strategic investments in key areas that will help grow the economy and sustain a more prosperous future for Hawaii.*

*As always, I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to serve you and our community. Please keep in touch with me about your concerns. If you ever need my assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime at (808) 586-8490 or [repcullen@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repcullen@capitol.hawaii.gov).*

*With Warmest Aloha,*

*Representative Ty J. K. Cullen*

## **Capital Improvement Projects Release of Funds for our District Getting the Work Done:**

Through my dedicated work over the past year with neighboring Representatives, Governor's office and the Department of Education, we were able to release funding for these projects totaling **\$57,000,000**, as they become completed in our community:

**Campbell High School** — Improvements to the track, design for a new synthetic track, new press booth — **\$1,000,000**

**Ewa Elementary** — Construction and equipment for an eight-classroom building — **\$9,600,000**

**Honowai Elementary** — Design and Construction to replace H building stairway — **\$190,000**

**Kapolei II Elementary** — Construction for new school — **\$40,000,000**

**Kapolei High School** — Design and Construction of lockers, showers and equipment — **\$4,665,000**

**Kalei'opu'u Elementary** — Design and Construction for second evacuation ramp — **\$620,000**

**Kalei'opu'u Elementary** — Construction for Electrical Upgrades — **\$550,000**

**Makakilo Elementary** — Design, construction and equipment for portable classroom — **\$375,000**



*Representative Cullen presenting a Congratulatory Certificate at Kalei'opu'u Military Transition Center blessing.*



*Working at the Waipahu Intermediate School annual recycle event.*



*Representative Cullen and other legislators presented Waipahu High School with Congratulatory Certificates celebrating their 75th Anniversary.*



## Community Traffic Safety

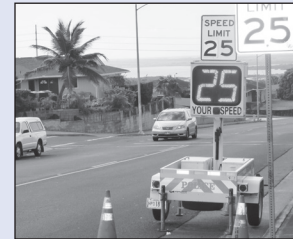
In our continued efforts to work with the City and County of Honolulu on making our streets safer. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has contracted SSFM to complete a sub-area traffic study on safety and operations for existing roadway conditions in Village Park along the entire Kupuna Loop. This includes Kupuohi Street between Anonui Street and lower Kupuna Loop, which provides access to both Village Park and Royal Kunia shopping centers. Existing condition problems include pedestrian crossing, walking safety, street parking, sight distance, traffic signals, speeding and crash incidents. The work will identify and develop location-specific traffic engineering plans for operations and safety improvements. This study may also serve to inform communities facing similar issues.



*Walking and working with City and State Officials, SSFM, and community members around Village Park and Royal Kunia.*



*Meeting HPD and a police dog to address community concerns and legislation that will help them to protect our community.*



*Speedometer radar on Kupuna Loop. Please do not speed in our community*

## Legislative Accomplishments

I was happy to have these bills that I authored/co-authored or supported to be signed into law by the Governor. The bills focused on job creation, educational benefits, health care needs, shoring up the Safety net and improving information technology (IT) and transportation infrastructure:

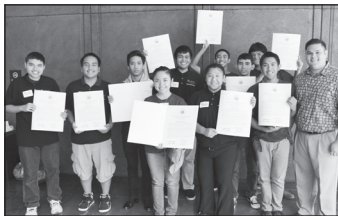
**Act 5** — Beginning January 1, 2014, requires health care facilities performing mammography exams to provide to their patients with dense breast tissue, a mammography report and notification about associated cancer risks and supplemental screening benefits for early cancer detection. (HB 373)

**Act 38**— This measure repeals Act 55 which created the public land development corporation (PLDC) as a vehicle to administer and coordinate programs to make optimal use of public land while ensuring that the public land is maintained for the people of Hawaii. Act 55 was repealed on April 22, 2013 after HB1133 SD2 was signed into law as Act 38. (HB 1133)

**Act 134**—In 2013, the legislature passed a state budget that responsibly supports the state's core functions, recognizing that while the economy is improving, normal levels are still years away and we have to continue to be fiscally prudent. The appropriation for operations totals \$12 billion in all means of financing for fiscal year 2013-2014. \$6 billion is comprised of general funds. Funding for capital improvement project appropriations amount is \$3 billion. Giving priority to "shovel-ready" projects, the legislature considered projects that addressed critical health, safety, and code requirement needs; reduced the current repair and maintenance backlog; and provided jobs for unemployed and underemployed residents. (HB 200)



*Working hard at a Community clean-up.*



*Presenting certificates to the students participating in Life Smarts.*



*Speaking with students at the Capitol.*



*Volunteering at the Kalei'opu'u Read Aloud and Career Day.*

**Act 217** — Establishes and provides appropriations for a Statewide Language Access Resource Center and Multilingual website pilot project that will allow greater access to diverse communities. This program will be administered by the Office of Language Access. (HB 266)

**Act 216**—Requires financial institutions to report instances of suspected financial abuse of the elderly directly to the appropriate county police department and the Department Human Services. This law will protect our kupuna's finances. (SB 102)

**Act 223**- This law clarifies in state low-income housing for disabled veterans. Authorizes the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to disqualify any applicant or tenant from state housing if the applicant, tenant, or a household member owns or acquires a home within the state. It will allow more inventory to those who need public housing. (HB 536)

**Act 252**—Establishes the young adult voluntary foster care program to care for and supervise eligible foster youth until age twenty-one. (SB 1340)

**Act 205**—Amends offenses of causing injury or death to a service dog and intentional interference with the use of a service dog to include law enforcement animals. (SB 205)

**Act 274**—Appropriates funds of \$6 million dollars for the HI Growth Initiative, an investment program to develop an ecosystem supporting high-growth entrepreneurial companies in the State. This measure was supported to create high-paying jobs in our state. (HB 858)

**Act 201**—The purpose of this Act is to establish enhancements in the agricultural loan program. To provide incentives to the younger generation to enter into and to continue farming by adding farm innovation loans. (SB 993)

**Act 204**—Appropriates funds to the Department of Education to operate and implement the Future Farmers of America program. (SB 993)



*Meeting with children and parents from our community at the capitol.*

# Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Important to Our District

Given our difficult budgetary situation, House District 39 was very fortunate to benefit from a total of \$393,498,000 in appropriations from the Legislature in the biennium budget for our schools, roads and other infrastructure projects. I will work diligently to get the funds released and projects completed. Here is a list of those projects:

## University of Hawaii and Schools in our District: \$58,822,000

- August Ahrens Elementary— Design and construction for new walkway and equipment for ceiling fans — \$987,000
- Barbers Point Elementary— Facility improvements — \$206,000
- Campbell High School — Electrical Upgrades and Facility improvements — \$1,360,000
- New East Kapolei High School— Design, Construction, and Equipment — \$5,000,000
- New East Kapolei Middle School — Design, Construction and Equipment — \$3,000,000
- Ewa Elementary — Resurface Driveway and Parking — \$250,000
- Ewa Makai Middle School — Construction for New Wing and Site improvements — \$18,410,000
- Ilima Intermediate School — Facility improvements — \$300,000
- Kapolei Elementary— Facility improvements —\$258,000
- Kapolei Middle School — Facility improvements —\$22,000
- Kapolei High School— Facility improvements —\$15,000
- Kalei'opu'u Elementary School — Facility improvements and Renovations — \$440,000
- Honowai Elementary— Plan and Design eight-classroom building and Facility improvements —\$1,285,000
- Mauka Lani Elementary — Campus wide electrical upgrade and Facility improvements—\$810,000
- Makakilo Elementary — Facility improvements — \$10,000
- Waikele Elementary— Cafeteria and Library expansion, performing arts stage, playground equipment—\$999,000
- Waipahu Elementary School — Design and Construction new parking lot, Facility improvements— \$737,000
- Waipahu Intermediate School — Facility improvements — \$533,000
- Waipahu High School — New Field Turf and Track, retaining wall, and Facility improvements — \$6,900,000
- University of Hawaii West Oahu—Design and Construction for Road B and Allied health building - \$15,300,000
- Leeward Community College — Plan and Design for Native Hawaiian Center for Excellence — \$2,000,000



## Road/Transportation Improvements \$110,651,000

- H-1 Freeway — Widening of freeway in westbound direction — \$15,000,000
- H-1 Kunia Interchange — Plans for Improvements to interchange and approaches — \$780,000
- Kunia Road — Plan, Design, and Construction to extend third lane to H-1 freeway South from Farrington Highway to Laulaunui St. — \$3,000,000
- Fort Weaver Road — Plan, Design and Construction for Drainage and third lane — \$36,000,000
- H-1 Guardrail and Shoulder Improvements — \$2,930,000
- Kamehameha Highway, Kipapa Stream — Roosevelt bridge rehabilitation or replacement — \$1,000,000
- H-2 Freeway, Ka Uka Blvd to Meheula Parkway — Construction for Re-pavement on-ramps and off-ramps— \$1,500,000
- H-1 Freeway, Waikele — Construction for Re-pavement on-ramps and off-ramps — \$1,500,000
- H-1 Highway Lighting Replacement — \$2,112,000
- Leeward Bikeway — Construct 12-ft. wide bike path over 13.2 Miles — \$2,832,000
- Kualakai Parkway— Road Extension Kapolei parkway to Roosevelt avenue—\$15,000,000
- Traffic operational improvements to exiting intersections and highways— \$2,830,000
- Highway Shoreline Protection — 24,167,000
- Marine Debris Mitigation — Removal of debris in state waters and shoreline — \$2,000,000

## Harbors and Airport Improvements \$146,157,000

Understanding the importance of the Honolulu International Airport and its impact on our Tourism based economy. Shipping and our Harbors share a similar importance to the commerce in the state. With over ninety percent (90%) of our goods coming in through our harbors system. Securing and upgrading our facilities are important to our economy and commerce within the state.

- Honolulu International Airport — Runway Pavement improvements and Renovations— \$142,757,000
- Kalaeloa-Barbers Point Harbor — Improvement and Upgrades to site — \$3,400,000

## Agriculture \$19,800,000

- Waiahole Water Systems Improvements — \$9,800,000
- Kunia Agricultural Park—\$2,500,000
- State Watershed Initiative — Watershed protection — \$7,500,000

## Civil Defense and Hawaii National Guard \$55,768,000

- Disaster Warning and Communications Devices — Replace and Upgrade Equipment — \$5,000,000
- Hurricane Protective Measures on Public Buildings for increased number of public emergency shelters — \$4,000,000
- Upgrade and Improvements to National Guard Facilities — \$12,600,000
- Central Oahu Ambulance Facility — Plans, Design, and Construction — \$3,850,000
- Army Aviation Support Facility—\$30,318,000

## Honoring Our Veterans \$2,300,000

- West Hawaii Veterans Center — Plan and Design for a new Veterans Center— \$300,000
- Oahu Veterans Council — Construction of phase 3 — 2,000,000





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## Honoring our Past Leaders

We are honoring those that have worked tirelessly in protecting and preserving our freedoms, so that the current and future generations are inspired.

In **Act 275 (HB1396)** we appropriated \$150,000 for the planning and design of a center in West Oahu that would incorporate a Nisei Veterans Legacy Center.

**Act 281 (SB 614)** commissions permanent works of art to honor the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye and the late U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink, by appropriating \$250,000 for each year of the 2013-2015 fiscal.

**HCR41** Requesting the United States Congress to rename the Kilauea Point Lighthouse located on the island of Kauai, in honor of the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye

**HCR42** Requesting the State Department of Transportation rename Route 200 (Saddle Road) on the island of Hawaii as the Daniel K. Inouye Legacy Highway

## Makakilo Drive Extension Moving Forward

Understanding the importance to the community and working with the City, they have released \$3 million in design funding for the Makakilo Drive Extension which will connect to the Kualakai Parkway H-1 interchange. The current plan is to possibly begin construction on the project in 2015 according to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The TIP lists all road projects that are eligible for federal funding. Mahalo to Mayor Caldwell, and the residents of Makakilo for helping to get this important road project back on track.



*Working with  
Department of  
Transportation  
to discuss traffic  
concerns in  
our community.*



*Representative Cullen volunteering with the principal and vice-principal of Kalei'opu'u School at their School Supply Drive.*

## Keeping our Promise!!

Understanding the importance of maintaining an emergency fund, in this budget, we kept our promise to recapitalize the Hurricane Relief Fund - **Act 266**—Makes a general fund appropriation of \$50,000,000 to recapitalize the hurricane reserve trust fund and Rainy Day funds - **Act 267**—Makes a general fund appropriation of \$50,000,000 to recapitalize the emergency and budget reserve fund. In total the State will have \$210 million dollars in emergency relief funding.

## Challenger Learning Center

Promoting science, technology, engineering and math (S.T.E.M) has been the mission of the Challenger Learning Center of Hawaii located at Barbers Point Elementary School. The House of Representatives recognized the learning center for celebrating 20 years of educating students across the state.



*Representative Cullen presented the staff and supporters of the Challenger Center with a Congratulatory Certificate at the State Capitol.*

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